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FOLLOWING FEDERAL WOMAN'S
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Chairman John W. Macy, Jr., of the Civil Service Commission, today hailed as "of incalculable importance and influence" the contribution to Federal personnel management of Evelyn Harrison, CSC's winner of the Federal Woman's Award for 1962. Miss Harrison is Deputy Director of the Commission's Bureau of Programs and Standards. She is one of six Government career women chosen for that honor from among 65 who were nominated by the heads of their respective agencies.

"Miss Harrison's staff leadership and personal contributions have been of incalculable importance and influence in dramatically reshaping the Government's personnel system to meet the needs of modern Government," Mr. Macy declared. "Since the foreign and domestic programs of our Government are so vital today as to demand the highest competence, and since Government can be no better than the people it has to do its work, Miss Harrison's contribution to better personnel management in Government has been and is now a potent factor in our Nation's well-being and standing in the free world."

As examples of Miss Harrison's influence on the formulation and development of personnel policies and practices within the Federal civil service, Mr. Macy cited her role in the modernization of the Government's appointment system, the Federal Service Entrance Examination, and the merit promotion program, and also her staff work leading to the enactment by Congress of important personnel legislation.

"Miss Harrison's judgment is sought by key people in all activities of the Civil Service Commission, and has profoundly affected the policy decisions of top officials of the Commission in their statutory responsibilities governing Federal personnel administration," Mr. Macy said. "Her insistence on a rigorous application of logic and common sense and her insight into the probable consequences of projected courses of action, coupled with her great tact in dealing with divergent interests and opinions, have earned her the respect of high officials throughout the Government service."

Mr. Macy said that the Civil Service Commission regards the Federal Woman's Award as extremely important, not only because it brings well-deserved public recognition to the winners, but also because it increases the public's knowledge and appreciation of the high caliber of women in the civil service, and of the wide range of interesting and challenging careers available in the Federal Government.

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"The subject of women in the Federal service is of particularly timely interest just now," Mr. Macy added, "because of the activities of the President's Commission on the Status of Women. We are proud of the fact that Evelyn Harrison is also associated with that important program, having worked closely with Assistant Secretary of Labor Esther Peterson since its inception."

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